

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of:  
Mitsuo SEKINE et al.

Application No.: 10/591,172

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Art Unit: 1623

For: NOVEL METHOD FOR THE SYNTHESIS OF  
NUCLEIC ACID WITHOUT PROTECTING  
BASE MOIETY

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Examiner: Crane, L.E.

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Madam:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 3, 2009, the period of response having been extended by one (1) month to August 3, 2009, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This Reply includes:

- Amendments to the Specification beginning on page 2 of this paper.
- Amendments to the Claims beginning on page 3.
- Remarks/Arguments beginning on page 6 of this paper.